

REMARKS

Previously presented claims 10-18 and new claims 19-27 are pending in this application. In this Response, claims 19-27 have been added to recite additional embodiments of the invention, which are fully supported by the Written Description as follows:

<u>Claim(s)</u>	<u>Support in Written Description</u>
19	Page 19, lines 20-22
20-26	Page 20, lines 19-28
27	Page 19, lines 17-19

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments at this time.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 10-18. In response, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims and added new claims depending from the allowed independent claims to recite additional embodiments of the invention.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons provided on page 2 of the Office Action. In light of the cancellation of claims 1-9, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 112 rejection is overcome.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER §§ 102 & 103

Claims 1, 3-6, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,692,974 to Wu *et al.* as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,929,189 to Ichikawa *et al.* as provided on page 3 of the Office Action. Claims 1-7 and 9 were also rejected under § 103(a) as obvious over Ichikawa '189 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,334,673 to Wu as stated on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under § 103(a) as obvious over Ichikawa '189 in view of Wu '673 and further in view of the Polyurethane Handbook as set forth on page 4 of the Office Action.

Based on the cancellation of the rejected claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the §§ 102 and 103 rejections are overcome.

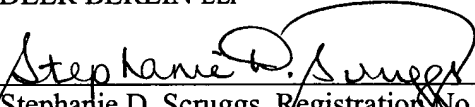
CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any issues pertaining to the patentability of the pending claims.

A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith to extend the time for response two months to and including December 5, 2005. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any other fees be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0324.

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